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January 4, 2011

Memorandum

To:

The Honorable Peter B. Carlisle, Mayor

City & County of Honolulu

From:

Romy M. Cachola, Councilmember

Ernest Martin, Council Chair

Ann Kobayashi, Budget Committee Chair // MW

Subject: Follow-Up on Memo dated November 18, 2011

Attached is a copy of our memo dated November 18, 2011 that was sent to your office. To date, there has been no written response to our request for the City to terminate or suspend the administration's contract for any plans/design for a second digester.

We also have not received a list of all technologies considered by AECOM as well as companies that submitted information to the City for consideration. We would like this list organized *by company name* instead of by the type of technology, and of the current evaluation status of each technology.

We sincerely appreciate a prompt response from your administration regarding this request.

cc:

Doug Chin, Managing Director

Lori Nishimura, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

All Councilmembers

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To:

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Subject: Discussion on Resolution 11-182 at the Public Works

& Sustainability Committee Meeting on November 16, 2011

We would like to thank Ross Tanimoto, deputy director of the Department of Environmental Services (ENV), for his input at the aforementioned committee meeting. During discussion of Resolution 11-182, Mr. Tanimoto stated that it was indeed possible for the City to terminate, at any time, its contract with Synagro for the plans and design of a second digester, second sludge storage tank and other associated infrastructure at the Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (SIWWTP). As you know, the amended contract dated July 20, 2011 was approved by your administration and will cost the City \$1.55 million.

We believe it would be foolhardy for the City to proceed with planning and design for a second digester, particularly since our consultant AECOM has yet to explore and determine viable technologies at the SIWWTAP as stipulated in Resolution 11-182. If a technology other than Synagro's digester is selected, then we would have needlessly spent \$1.55 million of taxpayer money.

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We therefore urge your administration to immediately terminate or suspend its contract for the plans and designs for a second digester until such time that all alternative technologies have been thoroughly vetted for possible implementation at the SIWWTP. We also recommend that the demonstration project tasked to AECOM continue to be given the highest priority.

Lastly, at the November 16, 2011, meeting of the Committee on Public Works & Sustainability, committee members requested a list of all technologies that were considered by AECOM as well as companies that have submitted information to the City for consideration. Kindly provide us a copy of that list as well as the current evaluation status of each technology.

Thank you once again for your kokua.

cc: All Council Members
Salt Lake and Kalihi Neighborhood Boards
Sand Island Business Association